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NETWORK**)

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified patent application as follows prior to first
examination.

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please add Figures 8a, 8b, 9a, 16, 16a, and 17-19. Figures 8a, 8b, 9a, 16, 16a,
and 17-19 correlate to Figures 9, 10, 11b, 12, 12a, 13, 14, and 21, respectively of U.S.
Patent Application No. 08/847,816, now abandoned, incorporated by reference in its
entirety. As such, figures 8a, 8b, 9a, 16, 16a, and 17-19 introduce no new matter.